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To: Administrators, Medical Directors, Nursing Directors of Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

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Subject: Additional Guidance for Addressing the Flu Vaccine Shortage

This memorandum supplements the guidance that was provided to long-term care facilities on October 28, 2004, regarding the use of antiviral medications. The latter memo is attached for those who might not have received it. The current memorandum addresses additional considerations, including prioritizing vaccine administration among persons affiliated with long-term and assisted living facilities, cohorting ill patients, and establishing work policies for ill staff. If you have any questions, you may call the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program at 609-588-7500, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM. On holidays, evenings and weekends, DHSS can be reached at (609) 392-2020.